

PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 7552.0041

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)		
Andrea PARRINO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3751		
Application No.: 10/511,391	Examiner: John K. Fristoe, Jr.		
Filed: October 15, 2004))		
For: CONNECTION ELEMENT AND CONNECTING DEVICE FOR TUBES)) Confirmation No.: 2102))		

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of August 9, 2006. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

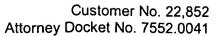
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	65	•	20	45	x \$ 50	\$ 2,250.00
Indep.	5	-	3	2	x \$200	400.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$360						0
Subtotal						\$ 2,650.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity -						
					TOTAL	\$ 2,650.00

Ø A fee of \$2,650.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: November 9, 2006

Aaron L. Parker

Reg. No. 50,785





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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006, the period for response extending to November 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 27 of this Reply.